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The Stuff of Legends

Have you ever wondered where those who are legends of KAT got started? I certainly do. This uploader is a legend for the quality and vast assortment of music he shares. Compilations, Greatest Hits or Top 100 – he does it all. Who is this you ask? Our very own **Bubanee!**. As one of his fans so aptly puts it, "Every time I think of a good music compilation, I find it uploaded by you."

It may surprise many to know he wasn't even online until 2009 when he made his first steps on Limewire. After acquiring a couple viruses he got some advice from a friend, "Stay away from direct download sites if you don't know what you're doing – download torrents."

Bubanee's first torrent download was, "A shitty mp3 of My Girl by Chilliwack." He installed his first uTorrent version 1.8.2 and thought, "I'll try downloading this way", and grabbed **Bruce Springsteen – Dancing in the Dark**. He was amazed to see flags from all over the world (peers) and couldn't believe they were allowing him to leech without a care in the world. He was addicted! He was downloading regularly and his MP3 collection was growing, combined with his already large CD collection – music has always been in his blood.

After having so many share with him he decided to try uploading. Under his screen name of **Bubanee**, which has been the same since his Isohunt days, he uploaded his first torrent and was excited when he saw two flags – one German and one USA – downloading from him. As he says, "It was the thrill of knowing people who didn't know me had this 'torrent thing' in common."

Bubanee eventually joined *TPB* and *Mininova*. He recalls people being cruel and mean when he asked questions. The turning point for him was when he asked a question of the music uploader Skirgks because he wanted to learn from a top music uploader, and another user replied with, "Why would Skirgks answer you?" At that point Bubanee said to himself, "I'll show this prick. I'll become an uploader and he will never forget." His disappointment in the way he was treated motivated him to work towards becoming a well known uploader, and I think we can all agree that he has done that.

I will end with a piece of advice from **Bubanee**. "Don't worry if you're just starting out and you find idiots along your journey. I will always remember that I was a newbie once and now that I'm not, I help wherever I can."

by *DawnStar*

By ⚜ptimusPr1me

Wondering what I would do in my life, I had some friends who joined the French Army. Being of dual nationality (French/Australian), they did not like that too much, and someone suggested I should try the French Foreign Legion. So I took myself down to the nearest recruiting center and had a talk with a recruiter there, he made it sound like the movies and after a night of talking to my parents, I decided to join.

I went the next day and from that point everything went incredibly fast, they took my Passport and I was given my new identity, a police check was run and I was sent down to start my training in Aubagne, France. My story will be similar to things you find in books etc.. I guess that at the end of the day, the Legion has not changed much since it started, but things will change in later articles as mission experiences and tours are different for everyone. I've had a lot of PM's asking for more info about the intake process, so here we go.

When you arrive there, you get your first kit, that holds anything from toothbrushes to underpants. Your standard issue uniform is blue trackies, (what we think of as a track suit) and you help around the grounds, cleaning, cooking and repairing things and so forth. While this is happening, you get pulled aside for medical testing, interviews by various people, etc... During this time, you get made fun of by lots of others, full-fledged Legionnaires and whoever else feels like it. Only about 15-20% will make it through this process!

If you pass all this you end up being a 'rouge', or rookie, **but you made it through!** A new kit is issued for the training at *Castelnaudary*, and your uniform changes to black boots with camo shirt and pants. During this time you learn all the songs of the Legion and the Honour Code on top of that.

You get shipped off to *Castelnaudary* to complete 3 months of basic training after which, if you complete it that is, become a ***Légionnaire***! Everyone from your original selection becomes one of 4 divisions inside 1 of the 4 companies which take care of the training, up to about 35 guys in my case. The first month we went to something that groups you with the men who least fit your background. That is designed to make you cooperate, to be a team, to have each other's backs, to create **Esprit De Corps**.

If you don't speak French already (like I did) you will have to learn it, and spend your other time working out, harder, faster, more from day to day with kits on your back and legs that become heavier as you get stronger. The taunting by the full blown soldiers gets worse as well at this point, days without sleep and you are being kept under watch all the time.

If you make mistakes the punishments are beyond words and as I do not want to put anyone off their food, I will leave it up to your imagination. The idea is to kill you as an individual only to reconstruct you inside a group of men who have come from all corners of the world. If you complete your training here, you are allowed to take the **Kepi March**, 2 days of a hellish march with full kit, hardly stopping other than for toilet breaks and even then you are urged to hurry and get back in line. **IF** you complete this, you ARE indeed a full-fledged ***Légionnaire***.

All the things mentioned before still continue, physical and mental training, and for those not capable of speaking French, the French lessons. Learning your ***FAMAS*** [that is the weapon we are issued] and the songs. Then the tests start, for everything, longer marches until the **Raid March** can be completed. Your results of the tests and your preference of what you would like to do will have an influence on your first asignment after your training. Just to give you an idea of how hard our training was, in my training class we had a former *US Marine* drop out because it was too tough! Now, the *US Marines* are widely considered to be among the toughest soldiers on the face of the planet, but we are trained to be as tough as you can get.

The Legion still is the blunt hammer that France uses to drive a point home with whomever, wherever. Examples of this will follow in other articles at some stage. Decisions made by Legion Command would not even be considered in other countries. When other nationalities make jokes about the French always surrendering, they forget about the Legion. We go where no others dare to go, with nothing but our FAMAS and our comrades to count on. Our Esprit De Corps is second to none, we get the job done, or die trying and that is a simple fact of life in the Legion.

Life as I knew it was over, and I was now a part of something very special, a part of something that really '***words cannot describe***'. A brotherhood of men from all 4 corners of the world, thrown into the Lion's Den only to emerge fighting our way out, as a team, as one. When I signed my first 5 year contract, little did I know I would re-sign up time and time again, like it was an addiction, perhaps it was, being in the Legion made me feel good. Looking after my comrades, looking after civilians, helping others and then there were the times I did not feel so good about myself for various reasons. More about that in another article, not that I will tell you everything, nor would I want to tell you things that I've seen and done, some things are better left unspoken.

To be continued in the next issue...

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OLDERTHANGOD INTERVIEWS

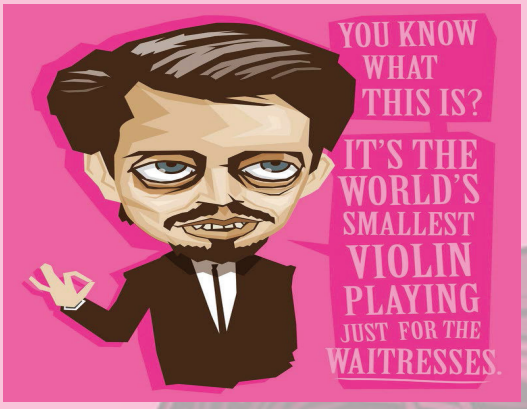
Mr. Pink

I tapped lightly on the door of Mr. Pink's isolation unit, he saw me and beckoned me in. I slid the door open and got an instant high from the 9" blunt he was holding, it looked like a small table leg. I started grinning like a fool as the nurse emerged from under the bedclothes after tending to his needs, she smiled shyly and skipped out of the room, sliding the door closed quietly behind her.

The 50" TV on the wall was showing some re-run's of Mr. Ed, I think it was a parody because I had never seen Mr. Ed in such an agitated state, or maybe it was Gilligan's Island being run backwards...at this point I no longer cared....that blunt was getting to me.

I moved my chair closer to the bed, unaware I had accidently squashed his catheter tube flat when I sat down. This became evident 5 minutes later when his face went all flushed, there was a gushing sound from the bed clothes and a beatific smile crossed his face. I held up my clipboard and said “you know why I'm here?” He replied, “Yes, but my alibi is solid you asshole, I didn't do anything!”

He dipped the end of that blunt into a small jar of formaldehyde and took a healthy toke, he let it out along with a squeaky fart and looked at me with eyes like pissholes in the snow. “You’re not the Feds” he said, “you’re that twat who writes stupid stories”. I wasn’t going to argue with a man having such a good time, so I replied “yep, that's me”, and showed him the clipboard for the interview I was hoping to get from him. “OK" he said, "let's do it”.



Q/ Do you drink to excess?
A/ I had an idea this question would be my first. **Excess?** I can drink a lot yet. I like my beer and rum. Hangovers kill me now though as I ain't 21 anymore.

Q/ Do you like corduroy pillows?
A/ A pillow is a pillow to be honest and half the time I'm lucky if I make it to bed. Sofa is easy option if I'm in the 'can't be assed' mood.

Q/ Do you go skydiving in your underwear?
A/ I don't wear underwear. I go commando, let it hang freely in my opinion!

Q/ Have you ever ridden a giraffe at a rodeo?
A/ Yes, many times. I usually go to Smittech, he's the man with the giraffes.

Q/ What is your favorite psychedelic color?
A/ Colors are actually a problem for me as I'm color blind, but a swirling pink is always good.

Q/ How many notches are there on that .44 your pointing at me?
A/ None, it's filled with blanks. I just like to watch you squirm.

Q/ Have you ever noticed how the fluff in your belly button is never the same color as the shirt you're wearing?
A/ Nope, it's the pine needles from last year's Christmas tree that are a problem.

Q/ What would you do if you found your birth certificate had expired?
A/ Buy another fake copy from Mr.Gooner.

Q/ You were born naked, wet and hungry, did things then get better?..or worse?
A/ Nope, I think everything at the moment is pretty 'tickety boo'!

Q/ If you bought a microwave bed, would you get 8 hours sleep in 10 minutes?
A/ Sleep, what's that? I use the first question you asked me to make that possible.

Many thanks for answering these 10 questions. As you can see, I have answered the first one for you to prove I'm truly insane, but still lucid. You may change that reply if you don't approve. Once again, thank you for your input, ***the Feds may be in touch!***

THE INFINITY PROJECTOR

12 ANGRY MEN

This is one of those movies that is well known among movie buffs, probably for it's critical acclaim. And it's acclaimed for the right reasons, *12 Angry Men* truly is a great movie! This is a movie about justice, about thoughtful judgment, about how one mustn't judge a book by its cover. The story and it's presentation's merit lies in how this movie fails to make the audience lose interest or attention, which is something you can find only in a handful of movies. And this merit is doubled when you consider that 96% of the movie takes place in one set.

What sets *12 Angry Men* apart in another way is how it lets different personalities and thought processes collide and clash. These 12 men, every one of them behaves differently, thinks differently and understands differently. Juror 8 (Henry Fonda) is one character that needs to be singled out for praise here for his belief in chance and probability, his calm attitude, and his understanding of how important any life is.

What is as interesting as the 90 minute conflict in the movie is how distinct every single character is. It actually gives us insight on how people were back then. A good example of the latter is Juror 12, a wisecracking ad executive. All of the characters are unique in their personality, from the painter to the stock broker.

Captivating from start to finish, this true gem of a movie is a must watch for anyone. **9.1/10**

HENRY
FONDA
A Man's life
in their hands...
EXHIBIT A
12 ANGRY MEN
with LEE J. COBB ED BEGLEY
and E. G. MARSHALL JACK WARDEN
Story and Screenplay by REGINALD ROSE Directed by SIDNEY LUMET
Produced by HENRY FONDA & REGINALD ROSE

THE INFINITY PROJECTOR

SULLIVAN'S TRAVELS (1942)

Director Preston Sturges was well known for polishing up the genre of screwball comedy with his films. They consist of mature dialogue that will make you question whether it's a drama or a comedy, yet make you laugh at the same time. And *Sullivan's Travels* is by far, his masterpiece. A rich movie about the poor that will make you both laugh and think.
The main character is a rich filmmaker who wishes to make a movie about the 'truth' about tramps and hobos and their poverty stricken lives. Sullivan (Joel McCrea) soon realizes that first-hand experience is the best way to decide whether or not he should make the movie. He embarks on a journey as a penniless hobo and the movie is about the adventures that follow. This classic is sprinkled with genuinely funny scenes and events while depicting the lives of poor people then (which is not very different from how it is today).

My favorite scene in the movie is undisputedly the scene where Sullivan and the Girl (Veronica Lake) reach Las Vegas in the morning and decide to have breakfast at a local shop. Upon entering, they realize they had no money at all and the shop owner pities them and gives them coffee and donuts for free. Sullivan thanked the owner and went on to find his guardians on the road and told them to pay $100 to the shop owner, which is a lot more than the food's actual cost. This scene just goes to show you how kindness will pay you, I personally thought that scene was sweet.
Upon watching it completely, I have a slight doubt whether or not this actually was the story of the director himself. No one knows!

A fine movie in every single way, *Sullivan's Travels* is one movie that presents itself both as a drama and a comedy and does not fail to deliver.
8.69/10

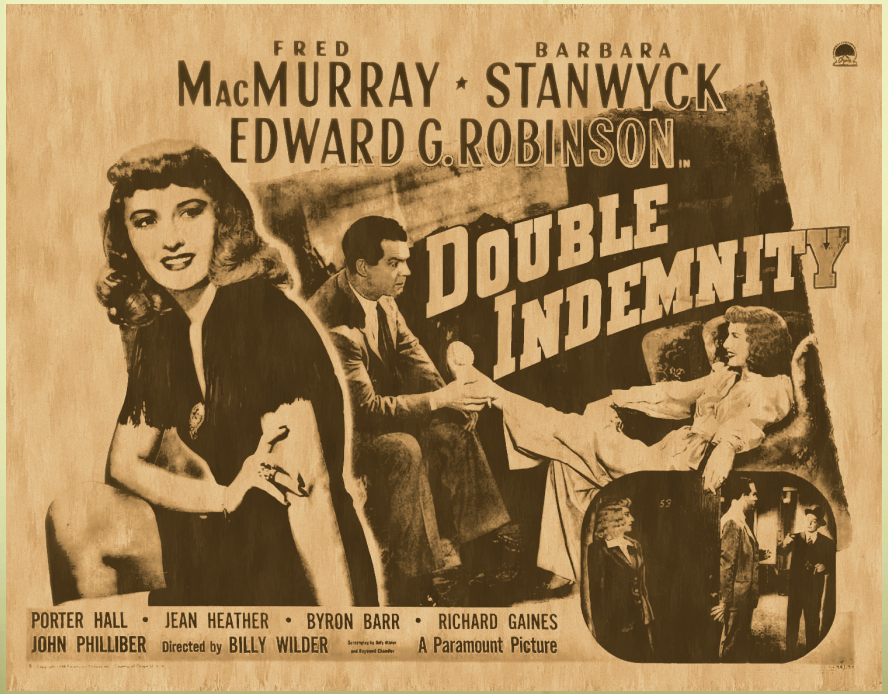
THE INFINITY PROJECTOR

DOUBLE INDEMNITY (1944)

Double Indemnity is a darker movie than *Sullivan's Travels* and *12 Angry Men*. A grim movie that stays true to its genre, film noir, this movie could be best explained with a quote by the protagonist himself, *"Kind of a crazy story with a crazy twist to it."* And it's true, the movie is serious and straightforward yet has its own twist in a way.

I'm sure some of you might wonder what the title means and it is explained in the movie. The term "double indemnity" refers to a clause in certain life insurance policies which doubles the payout in cases when death is caused by certain accidental means.

The story is simple yet sophisticated. It is not just about a murder, it's more than that. Double Indemnity has love, manipulation, trust, secrecy, mystery, and most of all, the word '*baby*'. Fred MacMurray's acting could have been better, but both Barbara Stanwyck and Edward G. Robinson did a splendid job portraying their characters, especially the latter.
Overall it is a classic movie well worth watching.
8.3/10


FRED MacMURRAY • BARBARA STANWYCK
EDWARD G. ROBINSON
DOUBLE INDEMNITY
PORTER HALL • JEAN HEATHER • BYRON BARR • RICHARD GAINES
JOHN PHILLIBER Directed by BILLY WILDER
A Paramount Picture

MOVIE REVIEWS

by PIKACHU1992

Dragon Blade (2015) – Jackie Chan, John Cusack, Adrian Brody

What a shame! This film had real promise. A good cast, plenty of action and somehow they managed to screw it all up. The premise is that a Roman Legion wanders through China and meets an official who was framed for a crime he did not commit. Huo An (Jackie Chan) and Lucius (John Cusack) form a strategic alliance, fighting adversaries and forging ties with new allies to unite against a single foe, Tiberius (Adrian Brody), but the scenario does not work at all. As a matter of fact, it all seems somewhat improbable that this ever could have happened, even in a fantasy. The cinematography is shameful, and the fight scenes are poorly choreographed. It all makes for a very unpleasant effect on the screen. I expected much more from Jackie Chan!
Rating: 5.0 out of 10

Last Knights (2015) – Clive Owen and Morgan Freeman

How can any film go wrong with Morgan Freeman in it? The answer is that it really cannot! This is yet another fantasy. In this tale, a fallen warrior (Clive Owen) sets out to destroy a sadistic ruler (Aksel Hennie), and avenge his dishonored master (Morgan Freeman). The storyline moves along well throughout the entire film, and it never becomes labored or boring. A good tale about loyalty, the code and honor that never waivers. I was somewhat surprised about the ethnic mix of the characters in this film. Generally, I do not think that would have been the case in the real world of yesteryear, but it worked anyway. Enjoy yourselves with this one! The flick was filmed in Korea and the Czech Republic.

Rating: 6.0 out of 10

Seventh Son (2015) – Jeff Bridges, Julianne Moore, Ben Barnes

A young man (Thomas, Ben Barnes) is apprenticed to a local Spook (witch-hunter, Master Gregory, Jeff Bridges), to learn how to destroy evil spirits and witches. The only element of this movie that works is the performance of Jeff Bridges, who puts on a spectacular vocalization effort while delivering his lines. Other than his performance, the film was very disappointing and the acting was even worse! Where was the director during the filming? Even Julianne Moore was barely adequate in this film. There were a few good special effects, but they were marred by a poor script and even worse performances. You can stay away from this one. You will not miss anything!
Rating: 4.0 out of 10

The Water Diviner (2015) – Russell Crowe, Jai Courtney, Olga Kurylenko, Isabel Lucas

Based on a true story, a father (Russell Crowe) searches for his presumably dead sons after the Battle of Gallipoli, in World War I. I was shocked to find out that a total of 31 million people were killed in World War I, as detailed in this film. Connor (Russell Crowe), a water diviner by trade, has the uncanny ability and instinct to find his sons, doing so with very little help. This film is sprinkled with great performances by the supporting cast. The only element that did not work was the love story. I found it to be trite and predictable from the outset. Very intriguing and somewhat unbelievable story, but it works!

Rating: 7.0 out of 10

Shoujo Anime Month

Shoujo - "Anime/manga aimed at young girls, or anime/manga containing abundant themes and content that would appeal to young girls." – Urban Dictionary

By jeffcosta123

Bokura wa Minna Kawaisou

This is an anime that after watching one episode you'll wonder what's going to happen next. It follows a boy named Usa, who moves to a boarding school, where he moves in with a girl named *Ritsu*. She has no social skills at all, but in my opinion, the two supporting charactors, *Mayumi* and *Shirosaki*, really make the anime what it is. *Mayumi* is a middle aged rich ***OPPAI*** woman who has horrible taste in men and drinks ***Sake** like it's water. *Shirosaki* is a creepy guy who is really a masochist and therefore is constantly being tortured or pleasured in his own mind throughout the entire series. These comedic episodes really bring the anime together and makes it what it is.

Vampire Knight

Okay, this is going to be a very biased opinion from someone who very much dislikes anything *Yoai* related. It based on a school for normal students during the day and it becomes a school for vampires after sunset. It follows *Yuuki*, she's a daytime student that knows about the vampires and is in charge of keeping them in check. Vampire Knight seemed like a decent anime at first, then I realized that it just wasn't for me, that this style of anime kind of put me off, but I tried it anyway. I then realized I just didn't care for it, and understood that everyone seemed to have some sad, pretty depressing background story. For some reason, maybe I'm cruel, but I felt nothing for them. This is the only anime I have ever dropped, but who knows, you may like it. I only know 1 person on KAT that has watched it and enjoyed it. But honestly, go watch it and judge for yourself.

Kimi Ni Todoke

By Ace-Kun

Kimi Ni Todoke is a great shoujo manga series written by *Karuha Shinna*, and is produced by ***Production I.G***. It won the ***Best Shoujo*** award at the **32nd Annual Kodansha Manga Award* competition, in 2008. The story revolves around a girl named *Sawako Kuronuma*, who is called *Sadako* by her classmates due to her striking resemblance to the ghost girl " **The Ring** ". Her only wish is to make friends and to interact with everyone but she's always misunderstood and feared because of her appearance. Then one day she meets her "soul mate", *Shota Kazehaya,* the popular guy in school, who befriends her. After meeting him, her life starts to change, she makes new friends and starts interacting with more and more people and takes part in school festival activities. Surely a great love life awaits these two. It's a wonderful romance/shoujo anime to start romance genre with, perfect in every sense.

**Yaoi - slang meaning 'boys love' or homosexuality that is used in the japanese language. Popular with fangirls who like their favorite anime guys to kiss. – Urban Dictionary*

**OPPAI - Boobs in Japanese, generally used to refer to the larger variety. – Urban Dictionary*

**Sake - a Japanese acholic beverage made from fermented rice. – Urban Dictionary*

** The Kodansha Manga Award is an annual award for serialized manga published in the previous year, sponsored by the publisher Kodansha. - Wikipedia*

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Weewiwie's Poetry Den

Waiting

Can't seem to help it, when your eyes met mine
I turn away, anywhere but front
Have to hide it, shine on my face
I need to confine; you being on mind

You keep me waiting, but that's fine
I don't mind, just take your time
I'll be here, whenever you want
Even only for awhile, I won't decline

I won't ask much, just a piece of your heart
Let me in, don't keep it shut
I'll stay by your side, show me a sign
That it isn't just me, at the end of the line

Bringer Of Light

Lost.
Blinding darkness
compels him to fall.
Tired.
He tried and tried,
He stumbles yet again.
Rest.
He needs it
so bad,
his knees
keep on shaking.
Calm.
So he sits.
Waiting,
strengthening
his resolve.
Courage.
His broken soul
calling for help.
Touched.
Save him I must.
Symphony.
So I coax him
to focus on me,
my ballad;
to help him breathe.
Wonder.
He listens
his mind wanders,
the girl
playing the violin.
Finally.
He smiles
with his head down.
He sees it now.
The rays of light
clearing the sky,
his savior
standing behind.

Let Her Be Free

That elf, I saw her again.
Small pointy ears, looks about ten.
Insane, she was not chained.
Free, in the world of mundane.

Learning through fails and trials,
She reads happily, the book by Guiles.
So serene, how she smiles,
I mustn't, don't tell Stiles.

That humming-jay of mine,
I hope it'll guide her fine.
She will be free, not in a confine.
Forest of Pines, it'll be her shrine.

INFINITY METAL ARENA

EXIVIOUS

Country of origin: The Netherlands
Active from 1997 to present.
Genre: Progressive Death Metal/Jazz Fusion (early), Prog. Metal/Jazz Fusion (later), Instrumental Rock.

Personnel:
1. Yuma van Eekelen - Drums
2. Robin Zielhorst - Fretless Bass
3. Michel Nienhuis - Guitars
4. Tymon Kruidenier - Guitars

Exivious is...undefinable! Hailing from the Utrecht Province in The Netherlands, this band is an isthmus connecting two vast genres that are metal and fusion. Some call them simply heavier fusion, but I personally believe Exivious is much more than that. They have everything that a fusion metalhead looks for in a band; technicality, odd (yet well played) time signatures, progressiveness, they have it all. Exivious's music is **sexivious**, period.

Starting out as a Progressive Death Metal act (similar to the likes of Opeth), Exivious has transformed into something bigger and better, and not to mention, apt and well suited. Even though their transition to the loosely defined genre that is "jazz-metal" completely changed their music, the band still remained solid.

Their early first release is a two song demo called Demo 2001. Same high level of accurate technical metal (and Holdsworthian influenced) guitar. Complex song arrangement, which has contrasting high energy metal section, that combines with lush and nearly sweet soundscapes. The vocals on these two songs would also immediately make you think of Cynic due to their use of "synth vocal" effects. With some incidental groggy vocals sprinkled here and there as well, just to broaden the overall flavor of the music.

Second release is titled Demo 2004. On this 4 song demo they jettison the vocals completely and go **all instrumental**. On this demo you can hear them strongly moving towards what they have now put out on their major releases. One of the main highlights of Exivious is Zielhorst's use of the fretless bass. His use of the fretless bass particularly comes out in their songs' lush soundscape sections where the instrument's more wooden, rounded and slippery, slidey tone can be fully appreciated.

Musically, Exivious could be called **Cynic's cousin**, also because Kruidenier and Zielhorst were ex-Cynic members who quit the band to dedicate their time solely on Exivious. Their first album was self-titled and was released in 2009, and it received critical acclaim and for the right reasons. In 2012, they performed at Brutal Assault in Czech Republic, and the following year they went on a European tour with Obscura, Spawn of Possession and Gorod. By the end of 2012, the band received more than enough crowd funding for their second album, which was released in April 2013 under the title Liminal. In August of the same year, they were signed to the label Season of Mist and the second album was re-released in November 2013.

Anton Kostudis has described Exivious as "a mix of The Dillinger Escape Plan , The Safety Fire and Oceansize".

And so **Exivious** has rightfully earned a spot in the **Infinity Metal Arena**.

WebComixFan's Comically Skewed Views

Well, let's see. First off, welcome to my column! By way of introduction, let me say that I've been a fan of comics, both online and off, for a great many years. Recently, I discovered the joys of reading comic books in electronic form, which led me to start assembling compilations of some of my favorite Web comics. And then I compiled some of my not-quite-so-favorites. And then a lot of others. (OK, so I can be a bit obsessive.) I became a member of KAT -- I'd previously just downloaded anonymously -- when I decided it was time to start sharing my work, and began to establish a place for myself by torrenting my comic compilations. And I guess maybe it's working, since I've now been asked to do a column *talking* about online comics.

Let me make clear right out of the gate that I'm no expert on Web comics. I'm just a guy who reads too many of them. But I'll happily ramble on as long as I'm allowed about some of the comics I think y'all ought to read.

Future columns will probably be themed so that the comics I talk about all have something in common with each other. But not this time! For this first outing, the only thing the comics I'm recommending have in common is that they're some of my personal favorites (and hopefully not so well known that you're all already familiar with them).

My first recommendation is a no-brainer. **"Bug Martini"** (bugmartini.com) by Adam Huber is the online strip I find myself most often sharing on Facebook or in the office. It's a gag-a-day humorous comic with cockroaches as its characters. It pokes fun at just about every imaginable subject, with little rhyme or reason. And the comics themselves rarely have a set punchline, often instead having a separate joke in each panel.

APPLYING FOR A NEW JOB? HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO HELP YOU ACE THAT INTERVIEW.
WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?
DO A PRACTICE INTERVIEW FIRST. GET THE DUMB RESPONSES OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM.
I WOULDN'T TELL THEM THAT YOURE "GAY" FOR SPREADSHEETS.
WHAT IF I REPLACE "GAY" WITH "HORNY"?
DON'T PAD YOUR RESUME. EMPLOYERS WILL RESPECT YOUR HONESTY.
IT JUST SAYS: "ALMOST BEAT SUPER MARIO BROS."
YEAH, I COULD NEVER TIME THOSE JUMPS IN WORLD 8-1.
DRESS FOR SUCCESS. LOOK LIKE YOU DON'T EVEN NEED THEIR JOB.
I'M FLATTERED THAT YOU ARE TAKING TIME BETWEEN LAUNCHES TO APPLY FOR OUR FRY COOK POSITION.
NO SWEAT.
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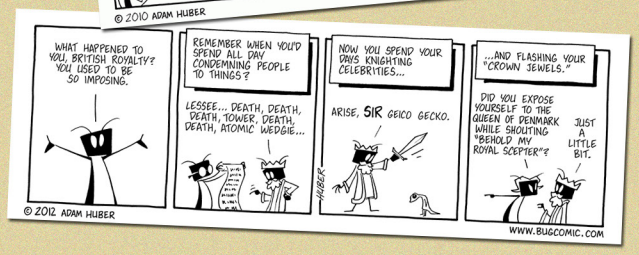
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, BRITISH ROYALTY? YOU USED TO BE SO IMPOSING.
REMEMBER WHEN YOU'D SPEND ALL DAY CONDEMNING PEOPLE TO THINGS?
LESSEE... DEATH, DEATH, DEATH, TOWER, DEATH, DEATH, ATOMIC WEDGIE...
NOW YOU SPEND YOUR DAYS KNIGHTING CELEBRITIES...
ARISE, SIR GEICO GECKO.
...AND FLASHING YOUR "CROWN JEWELS."
DID YOU EXPOSE YOURSELF TO THE QUEEN OF DENMARK WHILE SHOUTING "BEHOLD MY ROYAL SCEPTER"?
JUST A LITTLE BIT.
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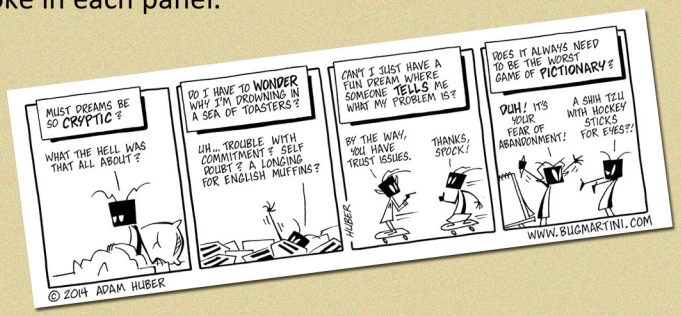
MUST DREAMS BE SO CRYPTIC?
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
DO I HAVE TO WONDER WHY I'M DROWNING IN A SEA OF TOASTERS?
UH... TROUBLE WITH COMMITMENT? SELF DOUBT? A LONGING FOR ENGLISH MUFFINS?
CAN'T I JUST HAVE A FUN DREAM WHERE SOMEONE TELLS ME WHAT MY PROBLEM IS?
BY THE WAY, YOU HAVE TRUST ISSUES.
THANKS, SPOCK!
DOES IT ALWAYS NEED TO BE THE WORST GAME OF PICTIONARY?
OUH! IT'S YOUR FEAR OF ABANDONMENT!
A SHIH TZU WITH HOCKEY STICKS FOR EYES?!
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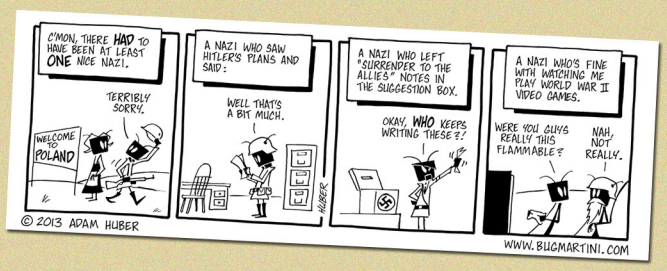
C'MON, THERE HAD TO HAVE BEEN AT LEAST ONE NICE NAZI.
TERRIBLY SORRY.
WELCOME TO POLAND
A NAZI WHO SAW HITLER'S PLANS AND SAID:
WELL THAT'S A BIT MUCH.
A NAZI WHO LEFT "SURRENDER TO THE ALLIES" NOTES IN THE SUGGESTION BOX.
OKAY, WHO KEEPS WRITING THESE?!
A NAZI WHO'S FINE WITH WATCHING ME PLAY WORLD WAR II VIDEO GAMES.
WERE YOU ALWAYS REALLY THIS FLAMMABLE?
NAH, NOT REALLY.
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WHAT A LOAD.
DON'T GO PINNING YOUR HOLY WARS ON ME!
WHO DARES!?
CHECK THE WINDOW, PAL. I'M RONSON.
BLASPHEMER!
THOUGH I HAD NO IDEA THAT THIS TEMPLE EVEN EXISTED.
YEAH, I GET THAT A LOT.
I ONLY FOUND OUT ABOUT IT LAST WEEK.

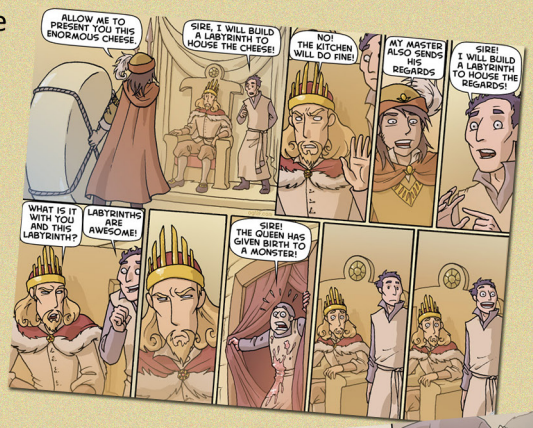
Next up, we have **"The Gods of Arr-Kelaan"** by Chuck Rowles. It's a fantasy/humor comic telling the stories of the crew and guests on an interstellar cruise ship from Earth who find themselves stranded on a medieval fantasy world where they gain the powers of deities. The central character, Ronson, is the god of alcohol and apathy, which should tell you something about the strip's tone. Sadly, while the strip never officially ended, it's been on hiatus since 2010, but it's still worth reading. The artwork is nothing to write home about, but the story and characters are surprisingly well developed for what seems at first glance to be fairly light-weight material.

FRIENDS.
THANK YOU FOR COMING TO PARTY OF VIVOL.
EVERYONE HAS FULL STOMACH AND ALL IS GOOD...
...BUT TIME IS NOW FOR SERIOUS TALK.
CEDAR FOREST IS HOME TO ALL ANIMALS.
IS HOME TO VIVOL ALSO FOR MANY YEARS.
BUT NOW, IN TURNING OF SEASON, IS COME TERRIBLE--
PSSST PSS...
FOOD AND REFRESHMENT PROVIDED BY SISSI SKUNK, OF SOUTH-BEND-IN-THE-RIVER.
...BUT NOW, IN TURNING OF SEASON, IS COME TERRIBLE DANGER.
LISTEN WELL. I TELL YOU...
DO YOU EVER FEEL LIKE THERE JUST AREN'T ENOUGH HOURS IN THE DAY?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
LIKE THERE JUST ISN'T ENOUGH TIME EVERY DAY TO DO ALL OF THE THINGS YOU NEED TO DO.
NOT REALLY. I'M ALWAYS DOING EXACTLY WHAT I WANT TO BE DOING RIGHT NOW.
YOU'RE PICKING STUFF OUT FROM BETWEEN YOUR TOES.
YES.

The art in our next strip, on the other hand, is quite impressive. **"The Abominable Charles Christopher"** (abominable.cc) by Karl Kerschl is an Eisner award-winning series starring an abominable snowman, supported by a surprisingly rich cast of animal characters and the occasional nature deity. The comic's world is rendered realistically, but with personal styling that adds emotion to the characters who populate it. The main story arc follows Charles' journey to an unclear destination, but the comic frequently shifts to soft, comedic glimpses of forest life. Kerschl's artwork, by the way, might be familiar to fans of DC comics, where he's worked on a variety of titles.

I BET YOU CAN'T GUESS HOW OLD I AM!
JUST TRY TO GUESS! I BET YOU CAN'T!
I'M ONE AND A HALF!
YOU LOSE!
I'VE GOT THREE OLDER BROTHERS, TOO!
YEAH, WE PRETTY MUCH HANG OUT TOGETHER ALL THE TIME.
I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME.
I HAVE A GREAT FAMILY. I LOVE MY WIFE. MY KIDS. I DON'T KNOW. I FEEL--
I DON'T KNOW!
ARE YOU GOING TO SAY ANYTHING, OR WHAT?
TELL ME ABOUT YOUR MOTHER.

And finally, we come to **"Oglaf"** (oglaf.com) by Trudy Cooper and Doug Bayne. This one, as often as not, is seriously NSFW. In fact, in the words of its creators, it "started as an attempt to make pornography... [but] degenerated into sex comedy pretty much immediately." But while the sex and nudity are often focal points, the comic also offers decent art and an interestingly warped sense of humor. Most of the "stories" are single non-sequential pages, though some stretch out longer; the first was eight pages long. The comic began primarily as a gag-a-week work, but over time started including longer story arcs, which appear to be (very) slowly coming together into a single overarching plot.


ALLOW ME TO PRESENT YOU THIS ENORMOUS CHEESE.
SIRE, I WILL BUILD A LABYRINTH TO HOUSE THE CHEESE!
NO! THE KITCHEN WILL DO FINE!
MY MASTER ALSO SENDS HIS REGARDS
SIRE! I WILL BUILD A LABYRINTH TO HOUSE THE REGARDS!
WHAT IS IT WITH YOU AND THIS LABYRINTH?
LABYRINTHS ARE AWESOME!
SIRE! THE QUEEN HAS GIVEN BIRTH TO A MONSTER!

LEON! LEEE-OOON!
THE DISENCHANTER'S HERE! HE CAN TURN YOUR WIFE BACK!
WELL. TO BE HONEST, I DON'T NEED HIM.
THE THING ABOUT FAIRIES TURNING MY WIFE INTO A GOAT? I MADE THAT UP.
I'M ACTUALLY JUST A GOAT FUCKER.
OH.
WELL, THAT DOES EXPLAIN THE TIME YOUR WIFE DIED AND YOU MARRIED ANOTHER GOAT.

Well, that about wraps it up for my first column. Thanks for indulging me. But now, stop reading my drivel, and start reading comics!

You're welcome to leave me feedback at:
https://kickass.to/user/WebComixFan/

And please *do* leave me feedback! Sure, I'm happy telling you what I think you should be reading, but I'm also interested in what *you* think *I* should read! There are hundreds of online comics out there, and I'd love to hear about great ones that I'm missing!

A forum thread listing all of my torrents is available at:
https://kickass.to/community/show/webcomixfan-s-web-comics-torrents/

You can find my "Bug Martini" compilation at:
https://kickass.to/bug-martini-web-comic-complete-through-2014-webcomixfan-t10565015.html
"The Gods of Arr-Kelaan" can be found at:
https://kickass.to/gods-of-arr-kelaan-web-comic-essentially-complete-webcomixfan-t10606051.html
My "Abominable Charles Christopher" compilation is located at:
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And you can find my "Oglaf" compilation at:
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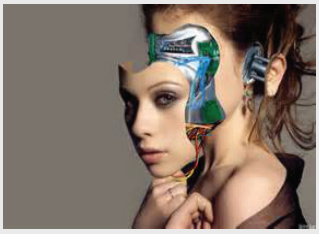
Looking for a date ?
Hoping to "*get lucky* ?"



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-Ken

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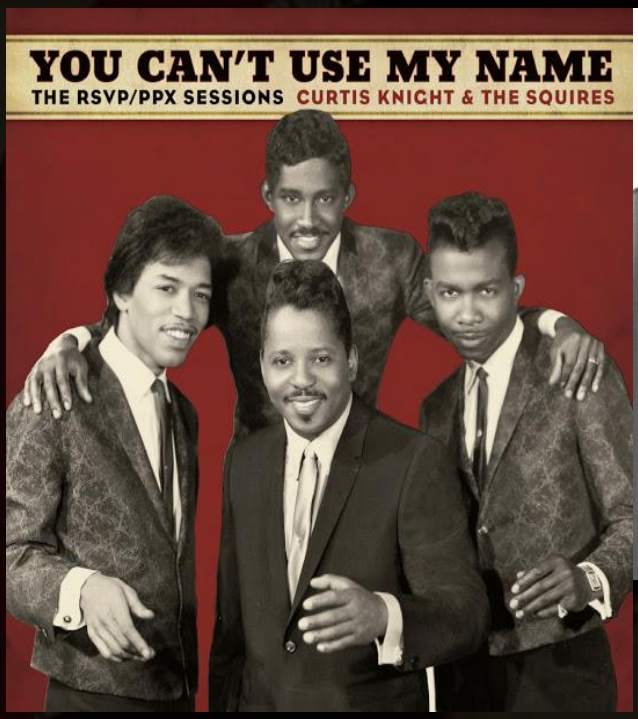


by DamienSaint

Born in Seattle, Washington, in 1942, Jimi Hendrix began playing guitar at the age of 15. In 1961, he enlisted in the US Army; he was granted an honorable discharge the following year.

Soon afterward, he moved to Clarksville, Tennessee, and began playing gigs on the chitlin' circuit, earning a place in the Isley Brothers' backing band and later with Little Richard, with whom he continued to work through mid-1965. He then played with Curtis Knight and the Squires before moving to England in late 1966 after being discovered by Linda Keith, who in turn interested bassist Chas Chandler of the Animals in becoming his first manager.

Within months, Hendrix had earned three UK Top Ten hits with the Jimi Hendrix Experience: *Hey Joe, Purple Haze, and The Wind Cries Mary*. He achieved fame in the US after his performance at the **Monterey Pop Festival in 1967**, and in 1968 his 3rd and final studio album, *Electric Ladyland*, reached #1 in the US; it was Hendrix's most commercially successful release and his first and **only #1 album**.

The world's highest-paid performer, he headlined the **Woodstock Festival in 1969** and the **Isle of Wight Festival in 1970**, before his accidental death from barbiturate-related asphyxia on September 18, 1970, at the young age of 27.

OLDERTHANGOD INTERVIEWS

DawnStar

I paid a visit online today to one of our Magazine Staff members, DawnStar to be precise, to ask her what kind of things would be of interest to her... I noticed this big roman nosed stuffed moose head on the wall, and what looked like several pairs of pickled eggs hanging from its antlers. On closer inspection I realized what they really were, I stepped back in horror and decided to tread very carefully around this lady... we sat, and with my legs crossed I started the interview.

Q/ Do you drink to excess?
A/ I'd drink anything as long as it's maple or moose flavoured.

Q/ Do you like corduroy pillows?
A/ Not anymore. However, I did wake up one morning in my early 20's with my head on a corduroy pillow. I was also made up like the Joker from Batman and had "I'm a slut" written on my forehead. Don't pass out before your friends do people! I am just thankful that camera phones and Instagram didn't exist back then.

Q/ Do you go skydiving in your underwear?
A/ I used to skydive naked, it was such a completely freeing experience. However, just this week after being promoted to SU, I made my first dive with my Super User skin tight Lycra uniform. Mr.Pink was kind enough to let me forego the glitter pony on the left butt cheek for my trademark butterfly motif. You haven't felt speed until you fall from the sky in Lycra - I would recommend it to all being promoted to Super Users.

Q/ Have you ever ridden a cappybarra at a rodeo?
A/ No. Here in Canada we ride beavers...LMAO...I just realized how funny that is.

Q/ What is your favorite psychedelic color?
A/ Everyone in Canada loves the same - red, white and maple syrup colour.

Q/ How many notches are there on that .44 you're pointing at me?
A/ I know...it looks real doesn't it? But it's actually an old Aqua Velva bottle my Dad had in the 70's that's shaped like a gun!

Q/ Have you ever noticed how the fluff in your belly button is never the same color as the shirt you're wearing?
A/ Being the well groomed person I am, I blow dry my belly button dry every day, so I never have fluff. Don't you know you're never supposed to pick at your belly button? Your guts will fall out. That's what I was told and I'm stickin' to it.

Q/ What would you do if you found your birth certificate had expired?
A/ Claim my life insurance so I could have a good time with the cash while I'm still alive.

Q/ You were born naked, wet and hungry, did things then get better?..or worse?
A/ Definitely worse. I still like to be naked, but the rest of the world hasn't caught onto it yet, so I've been arrested a couple of times. The law on this is totally unfair. Why is it legal for a man to walk down the street without a shirt, but if I do it, it's public indecency? I hate tan lines. I have a legal right to no tan lines.

Q/ If you bought a microwave bed, would you get 8 hours sleep in 10 minutes?
A/ Yes, definitely. My dreams would be on fast forward and I'd come out with an amazing tan at the end. Be warned though...any longer than 10 minutes and you explode - remember the scene from Gremlins? Yeah, that's not nice!

Many thanks for answering these 10 questions, as you can see, I have answered the first one for you to prove I'm truly insane, but still lucid. You may change that reply if you don't approve. Once again, thank you for your input, **the Mounties may be in touch.**

PleX Picks

I would like to start off by quoting Fredrick Douglas:
"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free".
Something which a lot of people seem to have forgotten...

My name is PleX and I upload books and occasionally music too, mainly Hip-Hop and Hardstyle (not for softies). I joined KAT about a year ago, and have since become a VUL and SU.

The reason I started uploading was to give something back to the community since I had been torrenting almost everything from movies to TV to software for a couple of years.

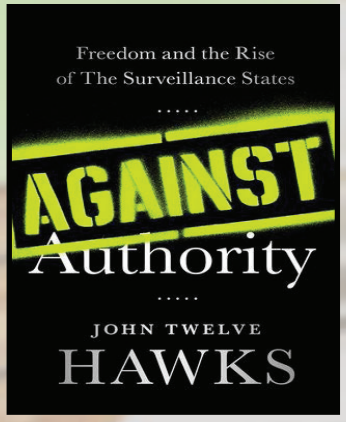
I used to upload everything manually, but a couple of months ago somebody sent me their entire eBook library (+60Gb), and I have since developed an upload tool to speed things up.

That tool is available for everyone right here:
https://kickass.to/community/show/plex-s-upload-tool/

It scrapes the book's meta info from goodreads or library genesis, and uses that data to create a torrent description and upload it to KAT.

Most of my uploads are fiction, those get requested the most. But I also have quite a few academic and non-fiction books. Personally I prefer the latter but I certainly enjoy a good fiction novel as well.

My book recommendation:

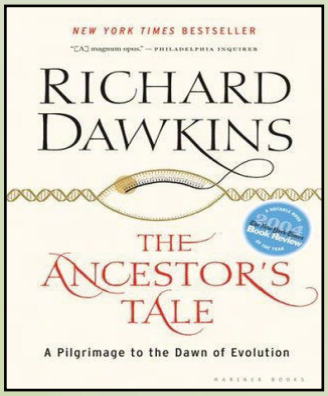


This is one of the books I'm currently reading, I heavily recommend it to everyone that wants to know the unfiltered truth about the system of spying and manipulation in our world.

https://kickass.to/john-twelve-hawks-against-authority-epub-plex-t10354748.html

Top 4 most popular books this month:

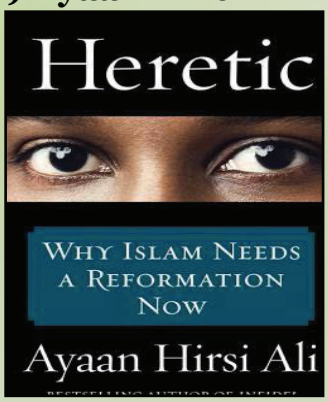
1) Richard Dawkins - The Ancestor's Tale; A Pilgrimage to the Dawn of Evolution



In The Ancestor's Tale, Dawkins offers a masterwork: an exhilarating reverse tour through evolution, from present-day humans back to the microbial beginnings of life four billion years ago. Throughout the journey Dawkins spins entertaining, insightful stories and sheds light on topics such as speciation, sexual selection, and extinction.

https://kickass.to/richard-dawkins-the-ancestor-s-tale-a-pilgrimage-to-the-dawn-of-evolution-epub-plex-t10445651.html

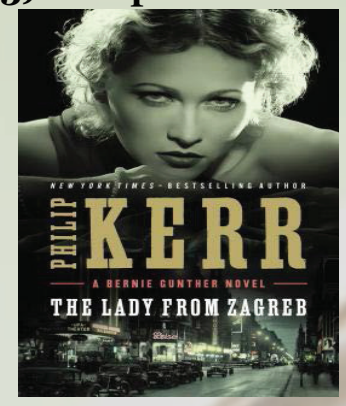
2) Ayaan Hirsi Ali - Heretic; Why Islam Needs a Reformation Now



In these pages, it is my intention to make many people -- not only Muslims but also Western apologists for Islam -- uncomfortable. I am not going to do this by drawing cartoons. Rather, I intend to challenge centuries of religious orthodoxy with ideas and arguments that I am certain will be denounced as heretical.

https://kickass.to/ayaan-hirsi-ali-heretic-why-islam-needs-a-reformation-now-epub-plex-t10464045.html

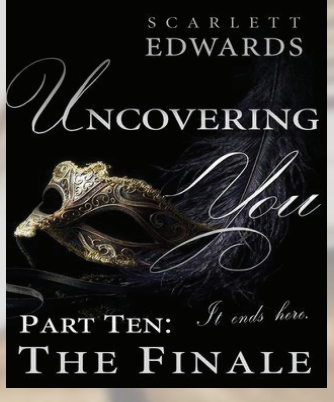
3) Philip Kerr - The Lady from Zagreb (Bernard Gunther #10)



A beautiful actress, a rising star of the giant German film company UFA, now controlled by the Propaganda Ministry. The very clever, very dangerous Propaganda Minister—close confidant of Hitler, an ambitious schemer and flagrant libertine. And Bernie Gunther, former Berlin homicide bull, now forced to do favors for Joseph Goebbels.

https://kickass.to/philip-kerr-the-lady-from-zagreb-bernard-gunther-10-epub-plex-t10523310.html

4) Scarlett Edwards - Uncovering You 10; The Finale (Uncovering You #10)



They say love conquers all. I know that vengeance destroys. Jeremy put the gun in my hand and told me to shoot. I let him live. Now, the repercussions of that choice are staring me straight in the face. Rose, Hugh, and Charles, all deep underground, all shackled with collars. Dear God, what have I done?

https://kickass.to/scarlett-edwards-uncovering-you-10-the-finale-uncovering-you-10-epub-plex-t10523216.html

A Verified Uploader's Journey

As we were preparing this issue for release we were informed of a screen name change for this VUL from unknownUSER to **vampire_rox**. He specializes in uploading his favourite music videos. He chose this specialty because he wasn't finding a lot of videos in HD 720p, which is his preference.

He began his journey almost 4 years ago on the advice of a friend. His rather interesting description made me giggle so I thought I'd leave it as I found it.

"So one night, I was in my room smokin' a joint n I got a call from an old friend n he says: open up bro! So I go ahead n open the door n there he is standing. I said get inside, its cold yo! I invited him in because y'know, I'm a nice person. So we sat down n we started catching up n smokin weed of course, n later he says, "lets watch a movie!"
So I opened my drawer that was filled with DVDs n he laughed at me n said: Dude you still buy DVDs?? n I was like DAFUQ?? n he asked haven't you heard about torrents? n I replied in a BIG FAT NO! Then he explained to me what torrents are n how it works. n Thats how I got into torrenting world!!"

On another friend's recommendation, unknownUSER joined KAT just over a year ago. His focus at that point was still on downloading, but within a few months he began to explore the community. He hasn't visited another site since because, *"KAT feels like home to me."*

He was impressed by the fact that everyone is so helpful and quick to lend a hand when there was a question he needed answered. This inspired him to try and do the best he can to be helpful where he is able, and there began his uploading career. With the help of Keka_Umans, who answered a lot of questions regarding uploading, he became a **VUL**. Being a VUL has made him feel *"part of this awesome community!"*

I often wonder what keeps VUL's going because we all know there can be a lot of haters. When asked, he explained his motivation, *"when I see the torrents that I'm uploading are being downloaded. When after a day or two I see the seed count increase, it gives me a lot of satisfaction."*

Asked to name people who have helped him, unknownUSER gave a list of people who have been important to him on his journey in different ways. They include **Chev.Chelios, Hand_of_Doom, zombie_rox, ZombieQueen** and a very special thank you to **zeke23**, who took the time to point him in the right direction on many occasions when he had a question about the site. He went on to name a couple of his favourite uploaders, **ehhhhtozebec** and **JoyBell**.

His favourite social group? Why of course, MisterGaga's K.U.S.H Club!

Interview by **DawnStar**

Seek and Hide

by Awwmeowww

I may not know how you look
Maybe you'll only live in my thought
But this will be for you and me
I want to be with you in any way

This dream I have is bound to come true
Right in the abyss of my heart I know
Please wake up I've been waiting for you
I'll never stop seeking you, I'll never do

I vow right at this very moment
The first day with you will be different
You have no idea how it will feel
When my search of you comes to trail

By the time I get my chance
Together we will strongly stand
I'll hide you in plain view forever
At last my seeking is finally over.

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VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

The Elder Scrolls V

SKYRIM

★★★★★

The next chapter in the Elder Scrolls saga arrives from the Bethesda Game Studios. Skyrim reinvents the open-world fantasy epic, bringing to life a complete virtual world open for you to explore any way you choose. Play any type of character you can imagine, and do whatever you want; the legendary freedom of choice, storytelling, and adventure of The Elder Scrolls is realized like never before. Skyrim's new game engine brings to life a complete virtual world with rolling clouds, rugged mountains, bustling cities, lush fields, and ancient dungeons. Choose from hundreds of weapons, spells, and abilities. The new character system allows you to play any way you want and define yourself through your actions. Battle ancient dragons like you've never seen. As Dragonborn, learn their secrets and harness their power for yourself. Kickass game available on your local Kickass Torrents.

This is a very well put together game, however it does have its faults. I enjoyed playing for well over 100 hours. The game play is dynamic and well-constructed, to be honest, I found myself taking screenshots of the landscapes. The missions are engaging, and the characters are about as interesting as they can get with this game engine. The game does have its bugs and glitches, some of which are awesome in that they can help you. One particular glitch comes when you hop over a wall and break the barrier of game and background. After a few more steps and another exploit of the glitch, you can rob a blacksmiths chest of goodies, many times, and he is none the wiser. This would have been a 5 star across the board, but, after a while, the story line drags, and gets to be a bit tedious. Bethesda could have spent more time working on more imaginative missions, better missions to reach high ranks in the guilds.

Although the user interface is developed for consoles, and is not very easy to use with mouse and keyboard, I still figured it out and did not have very much difficulty using either. The weapons are invincible and you regenerate health rapidly, which makes the battles a bit too easy. When you first play, never having played before, the menu is a giant headache, but after a while it becomes second nature. One thing I must mention though. Skyrim uses old technology that forces limits on memory used and is very bad in utilizing multi-core CPUs. With some graphical enhancements the game gets very unstable because engine can't handle it even though your PC is completely up to it.

All in all, The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim is a fantastic upgrade to Oblivion. The dragons talking to you, the scenery, the overall story, the lore, all went to make this game addictive, even with the flaws, it is still one of Bethesda's best RPG games since Fallout: New Vegas.

★★★

LEGO Star Wars II takes the fun and customization ability of the LEGO play pattern and combines it with the epic story, characters and action from the revolutionary Star Wars: Episodes IV, V and VI. With a unique tongue-in-cheek take on the Original Trilogy, LEGO Star Wars II lets you build and battle your way through your favorite film moments. This legendary game is available on KAT.

This game beats other LEGO games in its comedic actions and story line development. The stories follow the originals from Darth Vader's pursuit of Princess Leia aboard her Blockade Runner, to Luke's final confrontation with Emperor Palpatine, and everything in between. This game adds some freedom to the player, allowing them to ride animals, and get in and out of vehicles. In free play mode, you can unlock 100 characters! You can play as a legendary character or as someone that you saw in the movies and decided, "Hmm, (s)he's fun, I want to use him/her!"

A step up from the original Lego Star Wars, this game is definitely the best that utilizes the Lego system of games. With many of the bugs removed and a level design that has shown more work, this game is great, even though it does become a bit repetitive after a while, it still holds its comedic brilliance. Personally, I enjoyed the scene where Darth Vader and Luke Skywalker are in battle, and Darth Vader divulges a secret to Luke (you know what I mean). The reactions and timing are the best. I ranked it as 4 out of 5, only because of the repetitive playing to beat the game at 100%. Available on KAT in most formats, just put Lego Star Wars II in the Search Query box.

★★★

Defiance is a science fiction-themed persistent world, massively multiplayer online third-person shooter developed by Trion Worlds. Defiance takes place on a terraformed Earth several decades into the future. It is a tie-in to the Syfy show of the same name. This game is available for free download on PC, Xbox 360, PS3, and available on KAT.

After playing for a while, I noticed you get really involved in the story. Well made, even though it failed as a tie-in, and it still grips you. Besides the patch problems, and random bugs (not the actual bugs you fight in the game) it is a great game. I have not noticed any lagging that stems from the game, however, I did get disconnected randomly.

This game has a lot of potential, just needs better ways of upgrading, more loot drops, and better timing with enemy fire. Sometimes it would seem the enemy always re-spawns too rapidly, and it's impossible to get through the task alone. I gave this game 3 stars due to the lack in imagination with the design of the weapons and various gear, and the cluster-frack that makes up the in-game menu. All in all, I would recommend this game to new gamers.

Lost and Found with lostmyticket

As we were preparing this issue to make it available to you, we got the sad news that lostmyticket closed his account here due to family matters. We all wish him the best and hope he and his family enjoy their time together.

As I begin to write this article the realization that I really know very little about my fellow KATians dawns on me. We all see user names, avys and signature blocks that we choose to represent whatever part of ourselves we want to portray. My goal is to reach beyond those online pictures we paint of ourselves to find out about the human behind the screen name. Not only their kickass experience, but their life experiences as well.

lostmyticket is a name many will recognize. He has a somewhat quirky sense of humour and admits he LOVES to talk. He believes that *"KAT is a very special place, with people who really care about helping each other make the site better."* Considering he has been on KAT for less than 2 years, after first beginning his life as a pirate on Demonoid 2 ½ years ago, he has come a long way.

"I didn't know the first thing about torrenting. It is a different world unto itself."

In real life LMT is a Librarian and his need for order led him to creating, with help in large part to **zeke23**, many threads to contribute to KAT. At one point he thought, "To a newbie it's a different world. How can I make it better and easier to find things? "This led him to create his pride and joy, **the A to Z thread**. This thread consists of a list of the most used and helpful threads and centralizes them for reference in one place.

https://kat.cr/community/show/one-guide-all-guides-how-navigate-around-kat-z/

Through creating threads, and becoming an expert at spotting fakes, again, with the help of **zeke23**, LMT's rise through the ranks began. He says, *"I learned a lot through time and made a lot of mistakes, but it has been an ongoing learning process."* He continued to work on these parts of the site he enjoyed and eventually became Super User. He realized that all of his hard work was paying off. His star had begun to rise and he moved from Super User, to Torrent Helper, then Torrent Moderator, and then to Forum Moderator. Throughout his journey he admits that even he can still sometimes make mistakes and is always learning.

His last promotion was just a few weeks ago to **Super Moderator**. He is very appreciative of all of his promotions, and believes that were it not for the great people here, it would not have been possible. Even he continues to learn and is challenged to do so almost constantly. He says, "*The step from Torrent Moderator to Super Moderator is much larger than any other step so far." He enjoys working with the MOD group and says "They, the SMOD's are a great group of people and we are all trying to cope with many thousands of torrents and users. Every day brings a new challenge and questions."*

When asked what part of the site he enjoys the most, LMT says that it's not the site itself, it's the people who keep it all together, from the regular **User** right up to the **Administrators**.

When asked what about the site he enjoys the least, he says it's the people who choose to be negative, whether it's down voting torrents they haven't downloaded, and the many other negative behaviors regarding comments and torrents. He says rather tongue in cheek, *"We have to be resilient and be part of the collective or we have a conniption fit and go into a KATatonic state of flux, which then leads to eventual cascade failure of our brains."*

When questioned about his personal life LMT mentioned he has a wife to whom he has been married to for 20+ years. When asked about children he began with, *"Let me start with – in the beginning there was man…oops, sorry wrong story."* Then he got serious and told me about their journey that began 10 years into their very happy marriage. They married late in life and decided they wanted children. Unfortunately, they were told that due to some medical issues his wife had, having a child of their own was a dream that would not be fulfilled.

Not long after, his wife was chatting with a co-worker who had adopted a little girl from China. The co-worker explained how it had been a wonderful experience. LMT and his wife decided to take the plunge and adopt from China. They worked with a social worker, who provided the documentation necessary to prove their home would be a good one to place a child in. The cost associated with this decision ended up being over $40,000, and the documentation from the social worker was just the beginning. There was paperwork to be filed with the Canadian Government, (LMT is from Canada) as well as the Chinese Government. It took 18 months to receive the referral letter.

On November 22, 2004 they travelled to China with 11 other couples to bring their daughter home. It was a long, expensive and emotional process, but it was well worth it. *"Our daughter has grown up just like any other child. She will become a teenager next month."*

It has been a wonderful experience for me to get to know more about LMT. It brings to light the person behind the goofy avy and cute screen name. This online experience we all share each day by being KAT users is a special one. We are all here for our own reason, and we come from every corner of the globe. We are different races, religions and often times have very different beliefs and opinions. But we all have something in common. We are human beings. We all have a story.

This one is his – maybe next issue it will be yours…

Interview by **DawnStar**

OLDERTHANGOD'S STORY PAGE

GUNFIGHTERS

The hellish roar of the double barrel sawn-off shotgun from slightly behind him didn't make him lose his concentration as he aimed and fired his .45.

When the noise and smoke had cleared, he opened the cylinder of the now empty .45 and let the spent shells fall to the floor, he almost dropped the gun due to the wounds to his right arm and shoulder. He quickly re-loaded from his belt, spun the chamber, slapped the cylinder closed and let the hammer down easy, flipped the gun once so it snicked back into the holster laying against his thigh.

All 3 of the Jonas brothers lay in their own blood on the dirty plank floor, the shotgun had taken the head off one of the brothers. If he was wearing a smile when he died, it was somewhere on the wall now.

People outside were getting curious and beginning to peek in, there were faces at the windows now and a low hubbub of conversation, 'what happened ?'...'who's in there?' …'where's the Sheriff?' '...another voice replied...'that IS the Sheriff'!

He leaned down and stripped the gunbelts from all three dead men and tossed them on a table, only then did he look over to her. A beam of sunlight glinted off the star on his shirt.

She was leaning against the bar, white faced, her disheveled hair hanging over one eye, the sawn-off hanging loosely from one hand, she was favoring a wound in her side. He walked over looking concerned, pulled his knife and ripped a hole in her bodice wider to see better and said, "it's a through and through, you're a lucky young lady, won't hardly leave a scar". She stumbled against him as they walked out together into the sunshine. "We'll get across to the Doc's and get you stitched up. Are you OK?" he said, "Yes Daddy" she replied. "Not bad for a kid", he grunted as they crossed the dusty street.

Special Contest

By Optimus Pr1me

When I found **KAT** I could not believe how well put together and seamless the site was, so I downloaded and seeded to my heart's content. Then one day I thought, what is that **community button**? So I pressed it and I have not looked back. Behind that simple button is a world of living, breathing people who are passionate about sharing and passionate about each other. They laugh, they cry, they fight and make up, and in the middle of that is me. I felt so very welcomed when I put my introduction thread in that a sense of duty struck me again.

I started to help other users where I could, and wanted to become VUL so that people know they can trust my uploads. That is all I ever wanted, but next thing I knew someone saw fit to make me a VUL! And with that, my sense of duty was even strengthened more. Then I made **S**uper**U**ser and my head was spinning.

I found the **KATalyst** people and the gate was open for me. I posted an article in the very first issue and my brain was hooked! Where am I going with this?

Well, I run 3 seedboxes and will be adding a 4th for this contest, and I am offering 6 members a prize for a little competition I have come up with. This is designed to get all of you involved. The prizes are as follows:

Winner = Up to 100 torrents of their choice hosted in my seedbox
2nd place = 25 torrents of your choice hosted in my seedbox
3rd place = 15 torrents of your choice hosted in my seedbox
4th place = 10 torrents of your choice hosted in my seedbox
5th place = 5 torrents of your choice hosted in my seedbox
6th place = 3 torrents of your choice hosted in my seedbox

(OP's NOTE - I will also post a thread for this contest)

What do you need to do to be in the running for this?

Send us a story, or anything you want to write about (see Rules below). IF it's chosen as the **WINNER**, it will be published in the next issue of **KATalyst**. There will be consideration given to the 2nd and 3rd place winners to get published also. Sounds simple, right? It might be but I am betting there will be some fierce competition, so get your thinking caps out and start bogging down, good luck everyone!!

Rules

1. No porn or trash talk allowed, grounds for DQ.
2. No longer than 700 words.
3. Images allowed, but must be only thumbnail size.
4. **KATalyst** staff will do the judging.
5. Decisions of the **KATalyst** staff are final

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BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

June

1st -
2nd - 4EverMetal - EDMFreak
3rd - paveel - BigB0ne4U
4th - z0na
5th - Byjoe - JohnLucio - pnfuploads - alk3junkie - aizuXaizu
6th - djdark72 - Testament - VioletVivi - hyperspacer - luxferre - PleX
7th - DJDivaDan - EvilDeadGuy
8th - liljc420 - Leathalscope
9th - TheShow - komi56 - 3deffect - Dexter.
10th - blackMaster01 - dunky76 - aleks987a - Chuckles68 - bLkBrG
11th - PorTalIsCool
12th - blatantjay - zeus06 - Krazy8 - melangefiesta
13th - magode - RatedRhy
14th - nethzor
15th - Kebabcity - KapetanZverko - gmxpreadator
16th - szekely - LeaX
17th -
18th -
19th - Mr.White - krazy_kh - Blueberry_ - Sparda_
20th - Draconia61 - TheReviledOne
21st - cm99 - trip2k - specialkrp - esoess - Flavius2106
22nd - GypsyMoonn
23th -
24th - Akoni1965 - juliusceaser - AshMcG - Rocky_45
25th - Culi46 - Deeken_Kross - pureskill - USMCSniper - ijzi - DonJuann - a0b10c110 - boybluebar
26th - Darius1954 - addictedtoKAT - Maraya21 - DaeveMalachai
27th - Al3xander - OnceUponSmaug
28th - missability - Jalucian
29th - rachaell - stiritup - V1V3K - Gr8fulDawg
30th - the.fonz - dumbo123 - Pitsikoulina - TorReviver - CaAu

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DarkUR
Beastcoast
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Rocky_45
Infinity.
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